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# These Are 10 Of The Coolest American Sleeper Cars Of All Time

American car manufacturers have come up with some awesome sleeper cars over the years.

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There are usually two kinds of people when it comes to their choice of cars. Those who want to show off and those who don't. Sleeper cars are the perfect choice for someone who doesn't want to show off, but has a desire for a little performance, something that will get them where they need to go and get there fast.

The perfect sleeper car will have substantial performance and handling while being inconspicuous and blending in with its surroundings. To the untrained eye it would look just like any other car, but to the trained eye of a gearhead, these cars are something special and



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## Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8



When you think of a Jeep you think about the off-road history and capability and a family SUV. That was until the Grand Cherokee SRT8 entered the picture. Style-wise the Grand Cherokee has a slightly more aggressive look and stance but can blend in for the average observer.

Looks aside, the Grand Cherokee SRT8 comes with a robust V8 and sport-tuned suspension that sets it apart from a standard Grand Cherokee. These were built with performance and stealth in mind but are nothing to sneeze at. The 2021 Grand Cherokee SRT comes with a 6.4 Liter V8 with 475 horsepower with launch control. That's not your average grocery-getter.

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The name Buick doesn't always strike fear into the eyes of its competitors. Buick is commonly thought of as a family car and not necessarily a performance car, not since the 60s and 70s.

The Buick GS, however, is the perfect example of a sleeper car. It is not easily distinguishable

engines, turbocharged/supercharged and naturally aspirated. The GS was discontinued with its final version of a high powered 310 horsepower V6 but will always be a great American sleeper car.

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## Dodge Neon SRT-4

 Neon SRT4 Yellow - Edmunds

Via: Edmunds

The Dodge Neon was a popular compact 4-door sedan but was lacking performance. The SRT-4 was the solution for the desire to have a compact performance car. All the creature comforts of a small four-door car with the performance and handling of a Dodge Viper, a really tuned-down Viper.

 Neon SRT4 - KBB

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The SRT-4 was only produced from 2003-2005 but was a huge hit, with its 230-horsepower engine propelling the car to a 0-60 time of 5.3 seconds, which is pretty quick for a small 4-cylinder engine. The sport-tuned suspension helped with handling and made this little car a nice little sleeper car.


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## Buick Grand National

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The Buick Grand National may be less of a sleeper car these days, as many people now know what it is. However, back when it was introduced, it could easily be confused as just a regular car, like its cousin the Buick Regal.

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The Grand National was anything but a regular old Regal. It had a slightly modified appearance, but the suspension and the turbocharged V6 could sling you from 0-60 in 4.8 seconds. This car is not your grandmother's Buick. It may look unassuming but will make you feel like a racecar driver the moment you strap on your seatbelt.

## Ford Taurus SHO

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The Ford Taurus is one of the most popular family cars in America. It screams four-door family car when you see it coming down the street. If you see one at a red light you wouldn't assume that it might blow you away in a drag race.

 Taurus SHO - USA Today

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If you confuse the standard Taurus with the SHO you will be in for a major surprise. The Super High Output (SHO) Taurus will definitely give you a run for your money. It started its days with a high-powered V6, switched to a high-output V8, then ended its reign of terror with a twin-turbo V6 producing 365 horsepower. The exterior of the SHO was only slightly modified and unassuming, giving this car a perfect disguise as a sleeper car, one that you wouldn't want to mess with.

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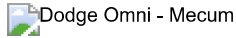
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## Dodge Omni GLH

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The Dodge Omni was a subcompact economy car until the legendary Carroll Shelby got his hands on it. This little car was in for a serious upgrade. This may not be the fastest little sleeper car in history, but it's certainly interesting and fits the description to the letter.




The first year of the Dodge Omni GLH, which stands for "Goes Like Hell", produced an underwhelming 110 horsepower but was much more powerful than the standard Omni which pumped out 75 horsepower. The later years of the GLH in 1985 and 1986 offered an optional 146 horsepower 2.2 liter high output engine, which was almost double the horsepower of the standard Omni. With not too many exterior changes over the standard model, the GLH offered superior sleeper car status with its modified engine and suspension/braking options.

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## Ford Contour SVT

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The Ford Contour was an everyday mid-size family sedan, until Ford's SVT unit got involved. After SVT was done with it, you could tell something was different about it based on the exterior moldings and stance, but until the pedal hit the medal, one wouldn't be the wiser.


 Contour - SVT

Via: SVT

The Contour SVT was tuned to produce 200 horsepower with a five-speed manual transmission. The heavily modified suspension gave it superior handling for its day, especially when speaking of front-wheel-drive cars. Ford did not produce many of these SVTs, so if you ever see one on the road, be careful, it's not just your average Ford Contour.


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## Chevrolet SS

 Chevy SS - Chevrolet Pressroom

 Via: Chevrolet Pressroom

people haven't even heard of or seen the car before. During its five-year production run, it produced less than 13,000 cars.

 Chevrolet SS - USA Today

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Although it may not be a household name, it is still a car not to be messed with. The Chevrolet SS comes with a potent 6.2-liter V8 with the option for a six-speed manual transmission, along with the usual sport-tuned suspension that comes with most sleeper cars. This powerful combination helps get this car on the list of the coolest American sleeper cars.

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## Ford Fiesta ST

 Fiesta - CNET

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The Ford Fiesta ST is another subcompact car on the list of the coolest American sleeper cars. One of the common denominators with all of these sleeper cars is the unassuming looks of the car itself. The Ford Fiesta ST is a perfect example as it is fairly comparable to the standard Fiesta, on the outside.

 Fiesta ST - Ford Media

Via: Ford Media

The 197 horsepower engine may not sound like much for a newer car, but this little hatchback can really move. It can reach 0-60 in 6.9 seconds and has options like "race track" mode, a

# Cadillac CTS-V Wagon

 CTS V - Mecum


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What is more unassuming than a four-door luxury Cadillac when it comes to performance? A Cadillac station wagon. Don't be fooled though. This Cadillac CTS-V wagon will blow the doors off most cars out there on the street.



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This wagon comes with a 6.2 liter 556 horsepower engine stuffed under the hood that puts power out to all wheels. The CTS-V wagon zooms to 60 in 3.9 seconds while still taking your family to get groceries or carrying your camping equipment for a weekend getaway. The Cadillac CTS-V wagon may be the perfect example of the coolest American sleeper car.



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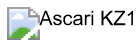
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